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HEPATITIS A VACCINATIONS

The recent case of Hepatitis A in a cook for a major catering company demonstrates the major impact that this food-borne disease can have on restaurants, catering companies and consumers. By the time that this food preparation worker had been diagnosed, thousands of attendees at various events had been put at some risk of acquiring Hepatitis A.

Our Public Health Department took appropriate action to inform those who were at risk, and to offer prophylaxis for those for whom it was still potentially effective. However, each Hepatitis food-worker case requires substantial resources of time by the Department to investigate and control.

Hepatitis A can be a very serious disease, and thus it is important to stop it quickly when it appears. There is a vaccine for Hepatitis A which is effective at preventing disease.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Public Health to review the relevant public health literature, and report back to the Board in 30 days with an analysis, including cost-benefit calculations concerning the question of whether Hepatitis A vaccinations should be required for food service workers in restaurants, catering companies, and in wholesale markets.

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